

Kids Can Win Free Heifers from NILE Billings, MT

Kids age 13-17 who are interested in winning a free breeding heifer are urged to apply by September 15 for the 2006 NILE Merit Heifer Program. The purpose of the program is to help kids start their own cattle herd by supplying them with quality breeding heifers. The heifers are donated by reputable seedstock producers in Montana and surrounding states. Winners are selected by a NILE Committee based on merit, with written applications. The deadline to apply is September 15. Merit Heifer information and applications are available online at www.thenile.org.

NILE Stock Show October 18-21, 2006

The Livestock Evaluation Contest for 4-H and FFA members will be held on Tuesday, October 17 with team check-in beginning at 6:30 a.m. The purpose of the contest is to provide an educational experience and incentive to learn more about meat animal evaluation and pricing as well as to assist young people in enlarging their acquaintances among leaders in the livestock field while improving their communication skills. Livestock judging teams are charge \$30 and registration is due September 15th. Late entries will be taken with a \$20.00 late fee. Entry forms are available from the NILE office or at www.thenile.org.

Junior Fed Livestock Show and Sale – Animals in place for beef, sheep, and swine on Tuesday, October 17 and the sale in Thursday, October 19. Any youth under the age of 19 as of January 1, 2006 and enrolled in 4-H or FFA may exhibit. Animals must be in the exhibitor's care, custody, and ownership by August 10, 2006. Registration is \$25 per head with extra fees charged for trim chutes and other possible needs. The deadline to register is September 15th with NO late entries accepted. Please call the Gallatin County MSU Extension Office at 388-3213 for a NILE premium book with complete details.

MSU Equine Conference



The third annual Montana State University Equine Conference is designed to update horse owners and enthusiasts on the latest scientific and practical information related to horses and horse management. The conference Saturday September 23 will be held in Bozeman at the MSU Strand Union Building and will run from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by MSU's Animal and Range Sciences Department, the conference has been designed by Equine Science Faculty and the Equine Advisory Committee, which is composed of equine professionals from across Montana. This year's program includes several nationally recognized speakers, Montana equine professionals, and MSU faculty discussing a variety of topics. Workshops will include nutrition, national animal ID, breeding farm management, tack selection and fitting, geriatric horse care, mare management and foaling, winterizing you horse, equine embryo transfer, health management and medical emergencies, small pasture management, alternative therapies, and youth activities. Conference participants will select topics that fit their interests in four concurrent sessions and will have access to information on equine products and services from a variety of Montana businesses and organizations. The registration fee includes continental breakfast and lunch. The cost to register before Sept. 10th is \$25 for an adult or \$10 for a child 12 years old or younger. The day of the conference, registration is \$35 for an adult and \$15 for a child. Evening meal and program is \$13 per person and you must be pre-registered before Sept 10 to attend. Pre-registration is encouraged. Checks or money orders should be payable to MSU Animal & Range Sciences and can be mailed to Animal and Range Sciences, Attn: Equine Conference, MSU, P.O. Box 172900, Bozeman, MT 59717- 2900 or 994-7953.

Summer Camp Leftovers



We have the following items left from camp. Please stop by our office at 201 West Madison, Suite 300 in Belgrade (we are in the Valley Professional Offices, Building #2 next to the Lee & Dad's shopping center): MSU sweatshirt, Blue Polar Fleece vest, Quilted shirt, Gray Adidas jacket with red stripes on sleeves, 1 cowboy boot, 1 pink sandal, bag for a sleeping bag, water bottle, head lamp, Fugi disposable camera